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SUMMARY: UK FON SECY'S LISBON VISIT HAD LIMITED AIMS. TRIP  
CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL INASMUCH AS THESE AIMS ACCOMPLISHED.  
END SUMMARY.

1. UK EMBASSY INFORMS US 25-HOUR LISBON VISIT ON FEB. 6-7 BY  
FOREIGN SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN WAS TO (A) DEMONSTRATE BRITISH  
INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS  
AND (B) PROVIDE DISCREET SUPPORT FOR FONMIN SOARES.

2. LISBON PRESS ANTICIPATED VISIT WITH APPRECIATIVE NEWS  
ARTICLES AND SUGGESTIONS THAT AGENDA FOR TALKS WOULD COVER  
WIDE RANGE IMPORTANT ISSUES. FINAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE SPOKE OF FOUR  
SUCH AREAS:

(A) HOPES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL, FONMIN  
SOARES DESCRIBING GOP OBJECTIVE AS CREATION OF "PLURALIST  
DEMOCRACY" IN WHICH SPRING ELECTIONS WILL CONSTITUTE IMPORTANT  
STEP FORWARD:

(B) DECOLONIZATION--CALLAGHAN COMPLIMENTED GOP FOR ACCOMPLISH-  
MENTS:

(C) REAFFIRMATION OF PRINCIPALS OF ATLANTIC ALLIANCE;

(D) ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--ACCORDING TO PORTUGUESE ACCOUNT,  
"CALLAGHAN STATED THAT THE BRITISH GOVT. IS IN A POSITION TO  
PROVIDE PORTUGAL WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS AN IMMEDIATE AND  
VISIBLE CONTRIBUTION, BESIDES SOON SENDING TO OUR COUNTRY  
A MISSION TO STUDY WITH THE PORTUGUES GOVT. THE SECTORS IN  
WHICH BRITISH AID MIGHT BE MOST EFFECTIVE."

3. UK EMBOFF EMPHASIZED TO US SHOWING HMG INTEREST IN PORTUGAL'S  
FUTURE CONSTITUTED HEART OF VISIT; THAT OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WAS  
SUBSTANTIALLY DISTORTED BY PRESS. UK COMMITMENT WAS TO COORDINATE  
WITH GOP IN PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE AND  
GUINEA-BISSAU. CALLAGHAN AGREED ONLY THAT UK WOULD STUDY AID  
POSSIBILITIES FOR PORTUGAL, AND THIS WITHIN LIMITATIONS IMPOSED  
BY UK'S OWN WELL-KNOWN ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. UK EXPECTS OTHERS,  
PARTICULARLY US AND FRG, TO TAKE LEAD IN THIS AREA.

4. CALLAGHAN ALSO MET WITH PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES AND PRIME  
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MINISTER GONCALVES. LATTER SPENT MOST OF TIME COMPLAINING ABOUT  
BAD PRESS PORTUGAL HAS RECEIVED IN BRITISH NEWSPAPERS. CALLAGHAN  
REMINDED HIM THAT UK DOES NOT SUBJECT TO GOVT. CONTROLS AND  
SAID PRESS WOULD BAD-MOUTH LESS IF NEWS FROM PORTUGAL WERE  
BETTER.

6. FONMIN SOARES HOSTED WELCOMING DINNER TO WHICH COMMUNIST PARTY  
HEAD CUNHAL INVITED. CUNHAL LISTENED CALMLY AS CALLAGHAN

SPOKE OF PERIL OF TYRANNY, WHICH CAN SPRING FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES,  
ONE SUCH BEING SINGLE PARTY STATE.

7. COMMENT: CALLAGHAN LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT SITUATION IN  
PORTUGAL UNDER CONTROL AND THAT CRISIS ATMOSPHERE APPARENT LAST  
FEW WEEKS HAS BEEN EXAGGERATED.  
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